

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
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Spokane Valley, WA 99212

A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: OR-134-08-CX-013

Proposed Action Title: Removal of approximately six (6) dead ponderosa pine trees at edge of town limits adjacent to private residence and driveway.

Location of Proposed Action: Portion of SE¼ Section 01, T.35N., R.24E., WM, Okanogan County

Description of Proposed Action: Remove approximately six (6) dead ponderosa pine trees (approx. 12 to 18" DBH) on BLM parcel adjacent to Conconully town limits. The trees were killed by mountain pine beetles and have been standing dead for a year. The trees are located within 100 feet of adjacent private land and driveway access to a private residence. The dead trees do not threaten the residence itself, but road access to that residence. Trees will be felled with low stumps and piled adjacent to the county roadway to provide firewood for the community. Hand cutting and piling will minimize ground disturbance to negligible.

Only trees which pose a safety hazard to neighboring property owners, passage on private driveway or travel on adjacent county road will be removed. Most of the ponderosa pine trees in the BLM parcel are medium diameter (12-18" DBH). No live ponderosa pines will be removed. After the dead trees have been removed, the majority of trees at this location will consist of medium diameter ponderosa pine and brush.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

☐ *Option 1 (conforms with LUP):* The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

OR

☒ *(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP)* The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*): The ROD for the 1992 RMP Amendment states: "Various types of administrative actions will require special attention beyond the scope of this plan. Administrative actions are the day-to-day transactions required to serve the public and to provide optimal use of the resources. These actions are in

conformance with the plan." The proposed action is one of the types of administrative actions that the ROD refers to.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9C. (2)

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:		YES	NO
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.7	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F: Signature

Authorizing Official: ___/S/ Sally Sovey_____ Date: ___12/07/07_____
(Signature)

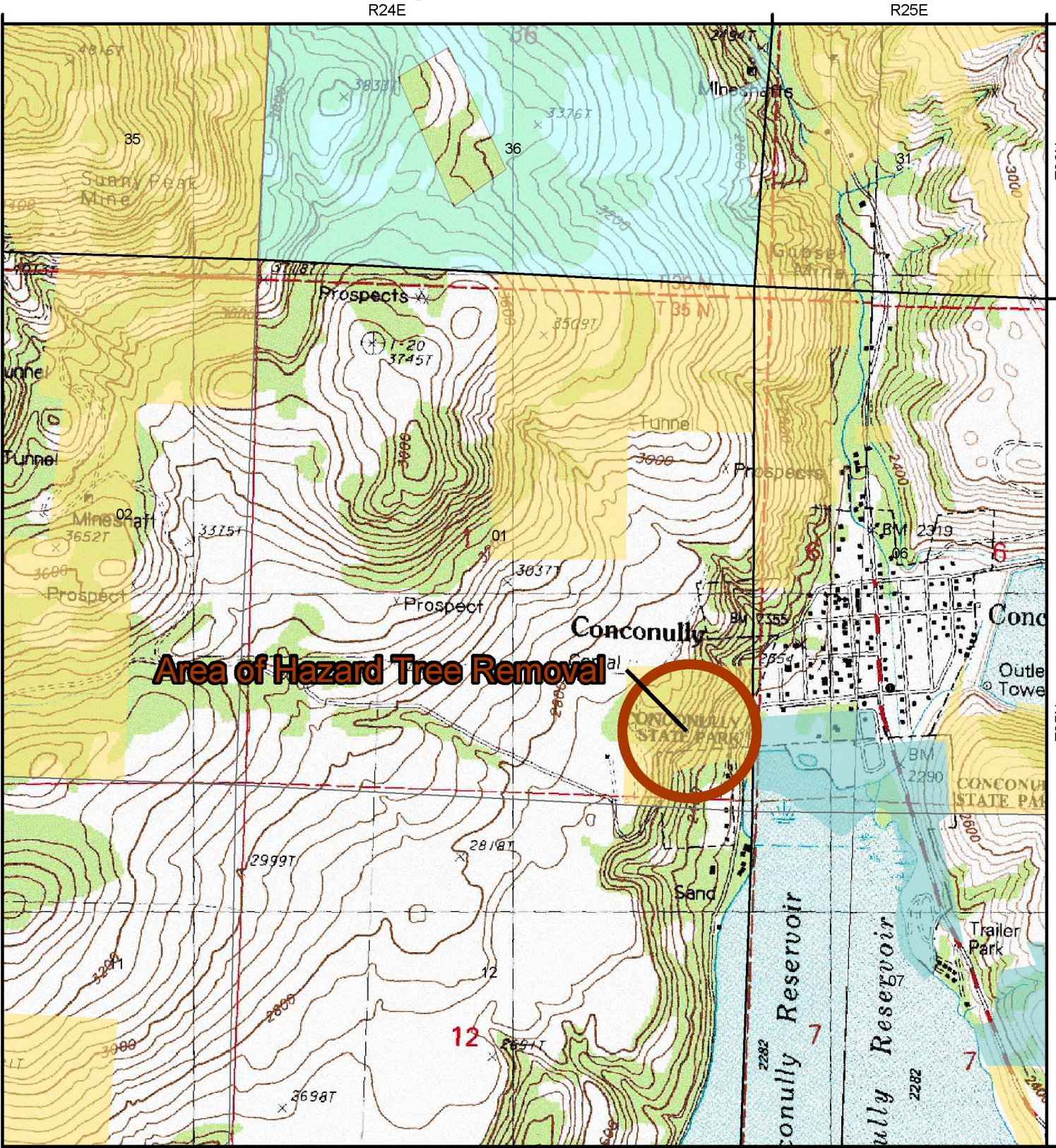
Name: S a l l y S o v e y
Title: Wenatchee Field Manager

G. Contact Person

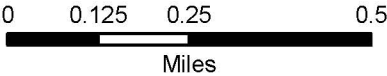
For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Tim Murphy, 509-665-2100.

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

Conconully Hazard Tree Removal



- BLM Administered Land
- Department of Natural Resources Lands
- WA State Parks and Recreation
- Private Land



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